## Calendar of Coming Events

### February

- **10** Parade
- **Parade**
- **Forest School**
- **Workshop**
- **13** P&C Meeting
- **15** RESTA—Wildlife
- **22** Student Leader Camp
- **23** Student Leader Camp
- **24** Free Dress Day

### March

- **8** Student Leader’s Environment Workshop
- **13** P&C AGM
- **20-24** Tallebudgera Camp Years 5-6
- **21** Harmony Day
- **27** Bravehearts

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**2017 Student Leaders**

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Dear Parents,

2017 is off to flying start with happy, busy learners. What a joy! We appreciate the support that you provide at home in preparing your child ready for school and learning each day.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to our new students and families joining the Mount Nebo State School community. Our Prep group include Sage and Roman and Otis in Year 3.

We also welcome to the Mount Nebo team Mrs Susanna Derwin - H.P.E, Mrs Cara Dean - Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy and LOTE Chinese Mandarin, and Mrs Anne O'Regan - Music.

2016 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to Ruby Rain, Charlotte, Hosea and Ash - our student leaders this year. On 22 and 23 February they will attend a North West District cluster school leadership camp. This will be a great opportunity to listen and work with students from other schools and develop and reflect on their personal leadership qualities and responsibilities. They have already shown their enthusiasm and initiative and are brimming with ideas. I look forward to working with them as representatives of our school community.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters remain our main way of communication and I encourage you to read them each fortnight when they arrive in your inbox to hear about the children’s achievements, great learning going on in the classrooms, upcoming events, education information and more. The newsletter will be regularly uploaded to our website for you to access along with the other important documents available via the school website. A lot of information will also be found in your child’s Home Learning Journal.

CLASS TERM OVERVIEWS

Teachers have prepared curriculum overviews for Term 1 and they are displayed in each classroom and will also be included in the Home Learning Journals. These overviews give a brief outline of what learning and skills are being covered during the term. We encourage you to use this information to guide conversations at home with your child about their work at school.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - $80 / year or $20/ term / student

We thank you for your continued support enabling efficient organisation of our classrooms. Please send your forms back indicating your participation or non-participation.

The scheme is supported and approved annually by the school’s Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), is managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. The provision of this scheme ensures that well-resourced learning by our students remains our key focus. The scheme is not a fundraiser for the school. Its purpose is to provide you, the parent, with a cost effective, value for money alternative to purchasing a wide variety of high quality resources, consumables and materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school’s bulk purchasing processes. Fees are paid directly into your child’s classroom account to buy essential resources and materials used in his/her classroom on a daily basis. A list of classroom essentials will be distributed to families choosing to not participate.

P AND C MEETING

Our first meeting will be held on Monday 13 February at 6.00pm at After School Care building. Please come along and support the great group of parents who work to support the staff and children at Mount Nebo and hear more about what goes on in our wonderful school. In March, the AGM will be held. Please consider taking up any of the executive positions as there are vacancies.

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find the Term 1 calendar attached to this newsletter. We have included all dates known so far and will update as the weeks progress. We will conduct the parent/ teacher interviews towards the end of term. You are always welcome and encouraged to make contact with your child’s teacher at any time, however, if it is extended information you are sharing or seeking, we ask that you make a pre-arranged appointment.

Yours in lifelong learning,
Elaine Tibbles
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Welcome back to a new school year and a new start for everyone. We have been extremely fortunate to benefit from the experience of Mrs Dorothea Nienaber as she worked in the P-2 classroom during Mrs Hurrell’s absence. She has truly helped ensure a smooth transition into 2017 and we are all incredibly grateful. We have also been excited to welcome Mrs Hurrell back this week and are so excited to hear of her adventures in Canada.

**English:** Our first unit is focusing on Poetry and Nursery Rhymes. We have an exciting edstudio for the children to engage in and explore, which includes a number of links to sites that allow the students to listen to and learn about Poetry. The children have been encouraged to bring along and share their favourite Nursery Rhyme Book with the class. As we analyse the poems we read, the children focus their thoughts on a number of key areas: *Content:* what the poem is about; *Structure:* whether it has a title and author, number of verses and rhyming patterns; *Poetic features:* identifying nouns and noun groups and features such as repetition and alliteration. Finally they look at the ways they connect with the poem.

**Maths:** In Maths the children have been learning about the months of the year and the days of the week. The Preps looked at this concept by sequencing every day events. They showed their culinary talents as they designed and made a healthy sandwich and sequenced the steps to make a sandwich. The Year 2s were challenged this week to work out how many days were in the holidays. Children were given the date of the last days of school and they had to use their knowledge of the number of days in each month to solve the problem.

This week we have been skipping to skip counting patterns. We have not only improved our skipping skills but have practiced 2, 5 and 10 skip counting sequences.

**Science:** We will explore the Physical Sciences as we discover the push and pull movements of toys. After many explorations about what makes toys move we will be designing our own toy that moves using a push or pull motion. Parents will be welcome to join us at the end of the term to help us piece our toy design together and can also help by collecting recycled objects for us to use.

**History:** We are looking at the History of toys and how they have changed over time. We will make personal timelines showing the way we have grown over the past 6-8 years of our lives and the toys we have enjoyed at these different stages.

**The Arts:** So far in Art we have woven Eensy Weensy spider webs and drawn a picture of a toy using the clues in the poem: “The Marvellous Toy.” We are working towards designing a cloth toy based on a character. Any parents interested in helping us to sew up our designs would be greatly welcomed.

*Vicki and Tomoko*
**Maths**
- Calendars and time
- Measurement
- Automaticity of number facts
- Number sequencing, patterns
- Problem solving,
- Maths Toolbox
- Impact online Maths sessions

**English**
- Poetry: Nursery Rhymes
- Creating imaginative texts and presenting poems.
- Innovation on a familiar poem.
- Prep: Sight words
- Springboard into comprehension
- Reading groups
- English Backpack
- Spelldrome Spelling
- 7 Steps in Writing.

**History**
- A look at how toys have changed over time.
- Create personal timeline
- Understanding why the past should be preserved.
- Pose questions about sources such as artefacts, and to compare and sequence objects from the past and the present.

**Art**
- Design a calico toy
- Sew, paint and decorate the design

**Science/Technology**
- Physical Science: a look at the push and pull movements associated with toys.
- Using senses to observe and explore the properties and movement of objects and the sources of light and sound.
- Understand how a push or pull affects how an object moves or changes shape, and investigate and explain how pushes and pulls cause movement in objects used in daily lives.

**General Competencies**
- Active listening
- Creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Positive well-being and Growth mindset
- Learning & following routines
- Self-monitoring learning
- 100% effort
- WALT, WILF, TIB & WAGOLL
- Teaching others - Marzano scale
- Identifying and framing questions
- Flagging learning as GOT IT or NOT YET
- Identifying goals through visible success criteria.
Happy New School Year! Keeping to tradition, what a hot steamy start to the first full week back at Mt Nebo State School.

Mrs Tibbles and myself have been working hard to make our classroom a pleasurable place to work and learn in again. We can see this is having a positive effect as the students are welcoming the changes and are showing a huge respect for keeping up the school values.

We are working with a cupcake theme at present and endeavouring to get a variety of art and crafts onto the walls for students to take ownership and appreciation.

**SOME DAYS TO REMEMBER**

**Monday:** Library.  **Tuesday:** Art.  **Wednesday:** Science.  **Thursday:** L.O.T.E & Geography  **Friday:** Music & H.P.E

This being the first newsletter for 2017, I would like to acknowledge the students for their noticeable efforts for earning lots of fast fruit frenzies and endeavouring to meet the 4 BE’s;  BE a great Learner  BE Respectful  BE Responsible  BE Safe

**Cool Kids Comments!**

This term the 3-6 class has been enjoying reading the awesome book called ’Kumiko and The Dragon’. This book is set in Japan, and is a beautiful fantasy story about dragons and a little
girl named Kumiko, who has dragon blood in her though she did not know.

Ruby-Rain

In the short amount of time we have been here we have already started sketching cupcakes for our own art project. We are studying Realism and the work of Wayne Thiebaud. I think the cupcake sketching was the best. You really need to think hard about how your decorations for your cupcake will be.

Aviv

This term we have been drawing extra ordinary cupcakes we will colour them with oil pastels and put them on a cardboard background, then we will draw their shadows.

Hosea

This term we have been doing a lot of things with cupcakes, but my favourite is sewing cupcakes. We love sewing.

Ash
PHYS ED

Hi Mt Nebo School Community,
My name is Susanna Derwin and I teach Health and Physical Education here on Fridays. I’m really looking forward to working alongside the children here and helping them develop a lifelong love of health and physical activity.
I have taught in primary, secondary and tertiary settings but I think I’ve learnt most from the challenge of being a mother of four uniquely wonderful young people. I’ve also studied postgraduate outdoor education and I value relationships, adventure and creativity.
This term we will focus on learning and applying movement skills and explore how our individual strengths and teamwork contribute to achieving success in health and physical activities.
See you soon,
Susanna

LOTE

Hi, my name is Cara Dean and I will be teaching Chinese at Mt Nebo.
I taught here some years ago, but have taken time off to raise my own kids.
I’m looking forward to meeting all of your children on Thursdays.
I am also looking forward to enjoying the sounds of the Bell Birds again!
Learning a foreign language helps our students in many ways.
This includes:

- Creating more positive attitudes and less prejudice toward people who are different.
- Improving analytical skills.
- Learning about another culture enables people to gain a more profound understanding of their own culture.
- Creativity is increased with the study of foreign languages.
- Skills like problem solving, dealing with abstract concepts, are increased when you study a foreign language.

I look forward to meeting you all and working with your children.

NATURE PLAY QUEENSLAND
FOREST SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The P & C are hosting a Forest School Workshop next year on Friday 10th February 2017 at Mount Nebo SS. Teachers from our Mount Coot-tha Cluster and small schools cluster have also been invited. We welcome any interested parents to attend also. Please contact Sally Foster if you would like to know more. For more information about Nature Play please use the following link: